

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re of:

Application No.:	10/574,831	Examiner:	Carol M. Koslow
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For:	CODING SYSTEM FOR VALUE DOCUMENTS		

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 29, 2009

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2009 rejecting the claims presented in the above application. This response is timely in view of a petition to enlarge the shortened statutory period for response submitted herewith, including the requisite fee. Reconsideration of the rejection of the claims of this application is requested in view of the amendments and comments presented herein.

AMENDMENT

Amendments to the Specification

The specification is amended as shown on the following pages under the heading "AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION."

Amendments to the Abstract

The abstract is amended as shown on the following page under the heading "AMENDMENTS TO ABSTRACT."